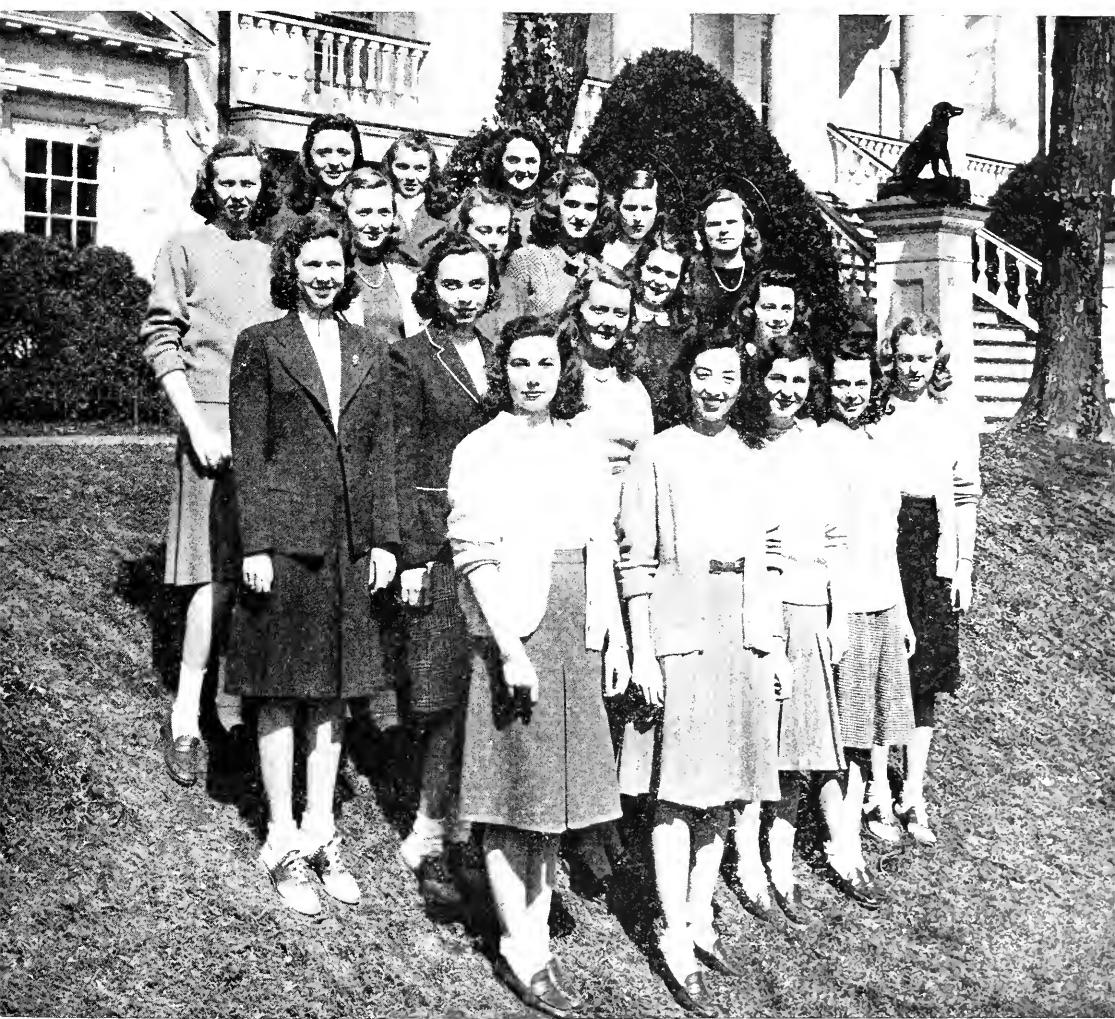


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## ALUMNAE NEWS LETTER



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## The Cover

The 'cover girls' this month are the daughters and granddaughters of Mary Baldwin Alumnae. These girls, together with sisters of former students, compose the "Granddaughters and Little Sisters Club." This club is a social one, the main function of the year coming on October 4th when the members are entertained by the Alumnae.

### Daughters and Granddaughters of Former Alumnae

#### *Front Row:*

Kitty Blakey, '49.....	great granddaughter.....	Julia Starke
Helen Lane, '48.....	granddaughter .....	Mary Coalter, '76
Janet Bell, '47.....	daughter .....	Mamie Grasty, '01
	granddaughter .....	Emma Frazier, '71
Miriam Buckles, '47.....	daughter .....	Irene Hevener, '16
Margaret Churchman, '47.....	granddaughter .....	Cora Finley, '85

#### *Second Row:*

Claire Love, '48.....	daughter .....	Margarette Foreman, '24
Katherine Potts, '49.....	daughter .....	Minna Beasley, '11
Edith James, '49.....	daughter .....	Edith Baush, '12
Eleanor Eidson, '48.....	granddaughter .....	Eavilina Margaravies
Kent Wysor, '50.....	daughter .....	Sarah Bell, '12

#### *Third Row:*

Mimi Jones, '49.....	daughter .....	Ann Skeggs, '03
Helen Hicks, '49.....	granddaughter .....	Sallie Spears, '79
Marie McClure, '50.....	daughter .....	Elizabeth Thomas, '14
Margaret Ryder, '49.....	daughter .....	Lillian Hoge, '11
Kate Scott, '50.....	daughter .....	Fannie Nottingham, '22
Moselle Palmer, '50.....	granddaughter .....	Lillian Wilkins, '78

#### *Fourth Row:*

Pollyann Scattergood, '50.....	daughter .....	Polly Weller, '23
Ann Stewart Tynes, '48.....	granddaughter .....	Margaret Finley, '95
Betsy Berry, '48.....	daughter .....	Elizabeth Hammer, '11

#### *Not included in Picture:*

Ann Baxandall, '50.....	daughter .....	Frances Stratton, '18
Sarah Degge Caldwell, '50.....	daughter .....	Sarah Caldwell
	granddaughter .....	Sarah Poage
	great granddaughter.....	Willie Walker, '77
Anne Early, '47.....	daughter .....	Katherine Tompkins, '18
	granddaughter .....	India Howard
Florence Harris, '47.....	daughter .....	Oliver Alford, '20
Tray Vance, '47.....	daughter .....	Mary Carpenter, '19

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## A Letter From Your Alumnae President

Tazewell, Virginia

April 1, 1947

Dear Alumnae,

My five-year-old son sat on the floor seemingly engrossed in the exacting task of lacing up his shoes. "Pathetic," he said (quoting Milne's Eeyore). "That's what it is. Pathetic." And then, after a silence, "Mother, what does Pathetic mean?"

Many of us hear and use terms which we do not have fully defined in our own minds. "Mary Baldwin Alumnae Fund", for instance, and "Mary Baldwin Building Fund". What exactly does each mean? Why two? For what is each intended?

One of the happy duties of every alumna is to keep informed about our college, its plans, and the ways and means provided to carry out those plans. This issue of the bulletin gives you just that opportunity. The two terms mentioned above are fully explained. Suggestions as to how to help the college in its expanding program are given. Read it "from cover to cover".

When you finish reading you will feel as the alumnae who have contributed \$1150 to the Alumnae Fund and those who have contributed \$52,859 to the Building Fund feel. You will want to act.

The Alumnae Association wants to thank all of its members who have responded so wonderfully to the appeals of these two funds. We and the college are counting on all the others to whom this bulletin goes. Remember that all money given is eventually translated into life. As the college is able to meet, more adequately, the needs of those young women who come to Mary Baldwin each year to prepare for leadership in a world sorely in need of Christian leadership, your money becomes more than a "fund" or even a "building". It becomes a force for justice, righteousness, mercy, and peace, made dynamic by the redeeming power of the living God.

Plan to attend Mary Baldwin Alumnae-Day functions!

Agnes *Junkin* Peery

*Ruth See is working part time on the staff of Biblical Seminary in New York. Along with her job, Ruth is doing graduate study at New York University toward a doctorate.*

## An Adventure in Human Relations

RUTH DOUGLAS SEE, '31

In the graduation exercises of a great university last year, one significant word was added to the time-honored ritual. Degrees were conferred, the president said, "with all the rights, privileges, and *responsibilities* thereunto appertaining."

Such an overwhelming number of issues demand our intelligent consideration these days that it is hard to escape the confusion of the centipede who couldn't decide "which leg comes after which." The particular issue to which I call attention is one of which we are constantly and uncomfortably aware—that of human relations with people of other races.

We Mary Baldwin alumnae represent many sections of the country. Obviously, it is easy for northerners to look askance at happenings in Georgia and South Carolina, while southerners point defensively at ghettos and race riots in New York and Chicago. The truth is that the problem is nation-wide, and neither the pot nor the kettle can say much to the other. As a college girl remarked after she returned from studying social problems in another part of the country, "I've found out that my own back yard is dirty."

The first responsibility which devolves upon people who have had educational advantages is that we think. We are all familiar with the cliché that much of our thought is just re-arranging our prejudices. When a good lady remarked in all seriousness at a church discussion of city problems, "We have no slums in our town," her comment did not indicate that she had never been three blocks from her home. It indicated that she

was so accustomed to the thought-pattern that Negroes live in shacks, that she never saw those shacks as slums.

Once we break a few thought-patterns we can see the fallacy of the lumping-together attitude. "Negroes are lazy and unreliable," says our friends.

"Well, what about Dr. Carver, or Booker T. Washington, or Mary McLeod Bethune, or the principal of the local high school?" we reply.

"No, I don't suppose they are," admits the lumper-together, "but Negroes . . ." and off she goes with an instance of a maid who went to work in a factory during the war or something her sister-in-law told her. (Or maybe the stereotype is about Orientals, or Mexicans, or some others whom we learned in Sociology to call "out-groups".)

Perhaps one of our biggest dangers is that we think with our emotions rather than our minds. Let someone bring up the issue of race, and automatically our minds are turned off. Out come the stock rejoinders about intermarriage—an issue which, as Gunnar Myrdal remarks, "is of rather distant and doubtful interest" to Negroes. It does, however, shift attention from better schools and sanitation, which are of immediate interest.

Some of us may react emotionally another way. With more sympathy than sense, we may sentimentalize about Negroes, and then suffer sharp disillusionment if they don't respond as we thought they would to our kind advances.

The thought that is worthy of intelligent women, however, is of a different kind. It

recognizes differences among people within groups, and seeks to understand the conditions which help to make people what they are. Its attitude, for example, toward recent novels on the raw side of Negro life in America, is not just resentment and disgust, but a recognition of circumstances which warp the very souls of people.

Our responsibilities have another aspect than just thinking, as we well know. Some of us are intellectually and emotionally ready to do more adventuring in human relations than others. There are some things that we all can do.

First, we can become informed, that we may think and act intelligently, both individually and in civic and church groups. We may not be able to attack the outstanding recent study, *An American Dilemma*, by the Swedish sociologist, Gunnar Myrdal; but everybody can read the thirty-two page summary in the Public Affairs pamphlet, *The Negro in America*. The A. A. U. W. has a program for better understanding, as does the Y. W. C. A. For specifically southern problems, we can turn to the Southern Regional Council, Atlanta, Georgia, for information. Our various church boards have material available; just this past year Christian race relations has been the topic for interdenominational study in the churches.

Second, we can check up on our own attitudes. Do we consider people as persons, or as stereotyped members of a different race? I have talked about *human* relations rather than race relations to stress that point. Our relations with people of other races within our homes are very vital, not only for their sake, but for the sake of children, who catch attitudes more quickly than chickenpox—and far more permanently.

It will be a pity, too, if our contacts with other races are limited to those who cook and clean and scrub for us; but when we have other contacts, we need to remember that not

all Negroes are servants. It is strange how many white people think they must begin a talk to a Negro audience with reminiscence about "my dear old mammy." Small things count in these contacts. Courtesy counts, for instance, and remembering that Negro is spelled with a capital N and pronounced with a long e and o (not "nigra".)

Third, we can do something about conditions in our own community. Many communities have Inter-racial Committees which need interested members. Others need to have such committees started, or dormant ones revived. What do we know about housing and health conditions in our community, about school opportunities and working conditions, about the recognition of legal rights of minorities? What can we do, as intelligent citizens, to influence public opinion and to raise the level of the whole community?

The responsibility is laid yet more heavily on us Mary Baldwin women, for ours has been a Christian education. The nature of the Christian faith is to build bridges which shall bring people closer together. Dr. Walter Russell Bowie has put the issue this way. He writes, as a native southerner who has served as rector of leading churches in both the south and the north: "To begin with, we must look at the facts and measure them against the ideals which we profess... The forward road on which the Church must try to go in the matter of race relationships is difficult, but its conscience will be troubled and tormented until it does begin to move ahead."

Today I listened to Stainer's *Crucifixion*, and the persistent question still goes through my head, "Is it nothing to you, all ye who pass by?" Along with that question is another, the perplexed question asked me by a Negro freshman: "Can a person have race prejudice and still be a Christian?"

The answer, with all its implications, is one of the responsibilities of college women—the obligation of a Christian education.

## Report of Progress

MARTHA S. GRAFTON, *Dean*

### DORMITORY FUND REACHES \$87,654 . . . OPTION EXTENDED

On March 31, Mr. Daffin reported that \$87,654 had been contributed in cash and pledges for the purchase of the King's Daughters' Hospital property. 650 alumnae have given \$52, 859 of this amount. Mr. Daffin, Miss Rude seal, and others at the college, who have been working in connection with this financial campaign, are encouraged to believe that the goal of \$150,000 will be reached in 1947.

Gifts of various amounts (from \$1 to \$5000) have been sent to the college. Every gift has been received with appreciation and enthusiasm. Members of the staff who open mail can hardly wait each morning to see who will be the next alumna to join the list of contributors. 13% of our alumnae have already helped the college in this campaign to improve our physical plant. We hope that others will soon contribute so that we can exercise our option to buy the property we need so much for qualitative expansion.

By mutual agreement between the Board of Trustees of Mary Baldwin and the King's Daughters' Hospital Board the option on the hospital property has been extended for one year. The Hospital is now conducting a campaign in Staunton for \$1,000,000. Members of the Hospital Board hope to complete their campaign during the spring months. They expect to begin work on the new hospital, to be built on the property next to the Mary Baldwin Athletic Field, as soon as possible.

### ENROLLMENT FOR 1947-1948

Like all other institutions of higher learning Mary Baldwin has an unprecedented

number of applications for next year. The Admissions Committee in February faced the difficult problem of selecting approximately 100 new students out of several hundred applications. Girls from 80 high schools located in 23 states, were accepted.

At the present time a waiting list of qualified applicants for whom places are not now available is being made. Vacancies will be filled from the waiting list during the spring and summer months.

As always, our alumnae are responsible for sending us the bulk of our students. Recommendations from alumnae mean a great deal to us.

### SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The competitive scholarships for 1948—1949, offered by the college to outstanding students in high schools, have been awarded to:

Lilian Bedinger, Red Springs, North Carolina (daughter of Alice *Graham* Bedinger)

Sarah Helen Karnes, Wilson, North Carolina (grand-daughter of Pattie *Woodward* Uzzell)

Betty Gordon Harwood, Burkeville, Virginia (daughter of Margaret *Caskie Scott* Harwood)

Florence Wade, Memphis, Tennessee.

While the members of the Committee on Scholarships did not require applicants to be related to alumnae, it looks as if they did!

### NEW SCHOLARSHIP ESTABLISHED

Mr. S. W. Sterrett of Charlottesville, Virginia, has recently established a scholarship at the college in memory of his mother, Janet Brown *Willson* Sterrett, who was a student at Mary Baldwin and who won a medal for musical excellence while here. The scholarship will be given for tuition in music for a day student.

## Student Regulations

ELIZABETH PARKER, *Dean of Students*

Late last summer the seventeenth edition of the *Students' Handbook* came off the press. Still wearing the goldstamped white binding adopted by the second *Handbook*, the little book continues to be the summing up of the principles of student government, its rules and regulations, together with those of faculty and administrations, and the source book of college organizations and traditions.

But though outwardly the same, each succeeding edition has shown changes to mark the needs of its particular year. The contents of the early editions are indicative of a new student government just taking its first step. Each year has been marked by additions and subtractions with the growth of confidence in that form of government and with new needs.

Each new student generation, though acutely—and sometimes vocally—conscious of its own limiting rules, looks back upon past student groups, marvels that they endured such trammeled lives—and even admits that their own is not so hard, while to past student generations those of the present enjoy complete emancipation. To an "old girl", returning last summer after nearly fifty years, coming up the front steps was a treat, for it had not been allowed in her day. But it is not necessary to be so long absent to recognize change. To the returning alumna of '41 the abolition of senior chaperonage of underclassmen is a great advance; to the one of '42 daylight excursions into town without "signing out" is real freedom. Even last year's graduate opens her eyes at the sight of men in the Club House—on Saturday nights only.

This last mentioned change serves to illustrate the need of the moment. Since its beginning the Club has enjoyed all-feminine pa-

tronage, and it was only after long consideration that the change was made. But parlors built when the enrollment was a fraction of that of the present, in a day when "gentlemen callers" were received only rarely are not sufficient for the needs of today. Even with the recreation rooms of the King Building the week ends are crowded occasions.

In general, the past few years have moved toward the simplification and streamlining of regulations, with ever increasing responsibility placed upon the individual. The necessities of community living—in reality only organized consideration of others of the group—and the recognition of certain proprieties are the criteria of our present day regulations.

For the past two years, in order to make possible the constant study of our needs, an executive committee of Student Council and Advisory Board has been set up. Composed of three faculty and four student members, this committee is open for suggestions at any time, discusses them, and passes on to the Council and hence to the Student Body those which seem practical. Once action is taken, the results are immediate; if a new rule is a good rule, there seems no reason to wait another year for its benefits, or if an old one is outmoded, to wait as long to have it off the record. There is a feeling of satisfaction, too, in living under a government which is not static, in knowing that it is a progressive system.

Compared with the regulations of years past, ours of the present seem extremely liberal—but rules in the homes from which the girls came were more rigid in the past, and it is not surprising that the rules of the college have changed a pace. Compared with the regulations on many another modern campus, notably those of the large universities, we are still extremely conservative. But ours is a living and a livable system, and students and faculty alike feel real pride in our government.

## Evaluate Your Education

MARY ROSE MITCHENER, '43

I am thrilled to be here. I am thrilled to stand before you in this academic cap and gown with the lovely hood which shows I am a daughter of Mary Baldwin. I hated to return this hood after our graduation ceremony because to graduate from a college like this is a spine-tingling thing, as we look forward to it and remember it, and I wanted as much tangible evidence of that experience as possible.

To me some of the most memorable occasions at Mary Baldwin have taken place in full academic regalia and splendor—the October Fourth when we were invested and those graduation week-ends. You will notice that I am avoiding any mention of Senior Class behavior on Christmas and April Fool's Day. Now I am here as an alumna who wishes to express to the faculty and members of the Honor Society her deepest appreciation for this privilege. I am thrilled—overwhelmingly so!

This morning as members of the Honor Society, as members of the faculty and as students we are made aware of the part that education and scholarship play in our lives. We are here to recognize and to encourage those girls who have attained this honor through their diligence and love for their academic work. They are to be congratulated, for they have so disciplined themselves to put value upon the things to be most highly valued. This means an organization of their life here, a vision of the greater horizon of intellectual excellence and continued devotion to that high purpose. We do congratulate you "honorees", both past and present. May the

*The following address was given by Mary Rose Mitchener, '43, in February at an open meeting of the Honor Society. Mary Rose is working on her Master's Degree at Assembly's Training School in Richmond, Va.*

joys of journeys along high paths always be yours!

Yet this morning I would challenge you to consider the congratulations you are giving and receiving. Why do we honor those who have achieved merit here in a liberal arts college? Is its curriculum worthy of diligent and zealous study? Let us evaluate the liberal arts education.

A former professor at Queens College, one of our sister colleges, has told me of his neighbor who was an architect, a graduate of a technical college. This man told the professor that he felt so deeply his lack of knowledge and interest in books, music and the arts. He said, "In college I learned how to make a living, but not how to live. Now I wish I had gone to a liberal arts college instead of taking technical work." That man recognized a lack in his education. There he was building homes, but he did not know how to live in one.

Our architect friend recognized the difference between technical training and liberal education; he saw the value of the liberal education but too late. You who are here now may critically examine your college course along with your goals in life. Evaluate your education!

By deciding to attend or to serve in a liberal arts college, each of us here has committed part of our lives. Anything important enough to claim a chunk of four or more years from us should be evaluated carefully and revalued frequently. Despite what many chapel speakers tell you, this is not the beginning or the preparation for life, your years in college are life itself. Education is a way of life. And life

is as big as the world. To meet it well is to know many things. We need to be educated to meet the challenge of its vastness.

In my recent reading I was struck by this sentence: "One becomes an educated person by patient study, quiet meditation, intellectual courage and a life devoted to the discovery and service of truth." I'll have to admit that it comes from a book with which I disagreed exceedingly and I should like to qualify the statement somewhat. Let's go more deeply into these elements—patient study, quiet meditation, intellectual courage, and a life devoted to the discovery and service of truth.

Patient study... We all know what study is, that's the trick you start pulling a week before exams—if you can stop pulling your hair out long enough! But I am implying that it is a desperate act, a last stand, so to speak, and our statement says "patient study." That is where the difference lies. Patience connotes and inner serenity, a constancy, a quietness or as Webster says "self-possession."

So patient study means enduring, constant, mastered study. Dr. Martin has said, "It is never information which transforms a person, but the persistent effort put forth to acquire it." If you would be transformed into an educated person, and that is what we go to college for, then be patient and persistent in your study.

Quiet meditation... We Americans have a genius for organizing to expedite matters, but we organize so furiously and live in such a mad rush that we lose sight of the ultimate purpose. Did you read in the READER'S DIGEST about the tourist to New York City, probably a southerner, who was about to board a subway to Central Park when another man dashed up, practically knocked the tourist down and tore into the subway just as the doors were closing? Well, the poor southerner missed that subway, but patiently waited until the next one came along. When he got to Central Park, on the first bench he saw the harrassed, hurried New Yorker sitting there

reading the funny paper.

Popular ignorance believes that fervor is enough to regulate life. It does not matter what you are doing or if you think while you are doing it, so long as you are doing. But we must know what we are doing. Our morals, our actions can not be better than the thought we put behind them. Thus the soundest method of moral education is to teach how to think. There is the story of a congressman who proposed on the floor of the House that American college students should learn how to think about international affairs,. One of his colleagues replied, "I propose that they learn to think." A facetious remark, of course, but containing enough truth to be pathetic. How can we learn to think, how can we think, unless we take time to practice it? Quiet meditation is important. Read something, mull over it, apply its reasoning to other situations, argue with it, be original enough to consider carefully what you are learning. This takes time, but there is shoddiness when we hurry and something of this shoddiness gets into our very lives.

John Bunyan has written, "As I walked through the wilderness of this world, I lighted on a certain place where was a Den (which we know was the squalor and filth of the Bedford Gaol dungeon), and I laid me down in that place to sleep; and, as I slept, I dreamed a dream." That dream was his immortal allegory, THE PILGRIM'S PROGRESS. Bunyan produced a classic out of his quiet mediation he calls dreams. We sing "Thou wast born of dreams, Mary Baldwin." What is born of the dreams *you* dream here?

Education then not only gives instructions for doing something, but shows us the significance of what we are doing. The person who has learned this is one who can not and will not do certain things. He has acquired a set of values. He has intellectual courage. Because he has lived among the preferable values in life, he knows what to prefer, but he has not been trained in crowd conformity.

He will depart in many ways, but he has learned enough about life to see his behavior in the light of experience and to relate his actions to the situation as a whole. Liberal education aims to provide this intellectual courage, to transform man from automatons to thinking beings, to give them independent judgment.

Don't get into a scholastic rut—you know what a rut is, don't you? It's merely a grave with the ends knocked out. And a scholastic rut can be the most deadening. After your patient study and thoughtful meditation, launch out on your own intelligence and weigh issues for yourself.

To envision ourselves as persevering, pensive, yet courageous students is intriguing and gives us even in our imaginations a sense of power. But never before in the world's history have we come to see the danger of power as we have in the past years. We must add to the first three qualities the most important of all, the balancing, joy-bringing element—a life devoted to the discovery and service of truth.

To serve is to go beyond the selfish confines of our own lives and to give ourselves for the betterment of others. Our knowledge and our wisdom are part of ourselves which we can share. In a liberal arts curriculum opportunities to discover the great values and truths are always present. Here at Mary Baldwin often times you may catch a glimpse of truth you have never quite grasped before—it may be in the study of great literature, or as a landscape is sketched or as you pursue a library periodical. Such discoveries usually are those simple things which you've never thought of in just that way before. Yet they strike you in the face, you pause to think of their simplicity and depth, and you are thrilled. Apply the great values of history, literature, science and philosophy to your everyday living. As college people you are leaders in the life of the world. Each of us here has a responsibility to live deeply and fully. This is a time for greatness.

## Honor Students



At a special convocation February seventh, Mrs. Thomas H. Grafton, acting president, announced the election to the college Honor Society of Eleanor Armistead, Staunton, and Florence Harris, Clarksdale, Mississippi.

The new Honor Society members are seniors. Miss Armistead is president of the Athletic Association and has been active in all phases of the athletic program during her years at Mary Baldwin. She has won the Singles' Tennis Cup for three years and has been named on various honorary teams. During her junior year she edited the yearbook, "The Bluestocking". Her major subjects are biology and chemistry.

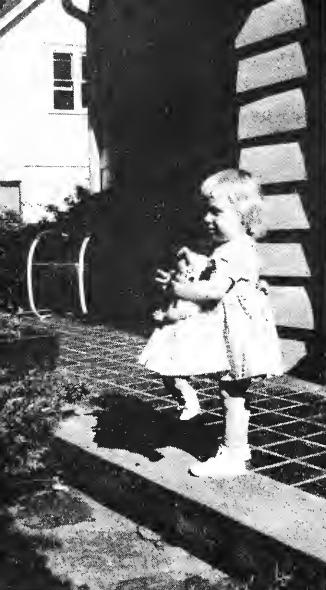


Miss Harris is house president of Memorial dormitory and member of the Student Council. She was president of her class in 1946 and secretary of the sophomore class. She also has been one of the presidents of the Spanish Club and a

freshman adviser. For the past two years she has held her class Scholarship. Her major is English.

## Future Mary Baldwin Daughters

Pictured on the next page are some of the daughters of Alumnae who are enrolled on the Mary Baldwin Cradle Roll. This Cradle Roll was started in February 1944 and has thirty-seven names on it. This informal enrollment of your daughter will insure her consideration by the Admissions Committee when her formal application is sent.



(1) Rebecca Elaine Beard (Wilhelmina *Eskridge* Beard, '30), (2) Ellen Richardson Lyle (Katherine *Walker* Lyle, '28), (3) Elizabeth Craghead and Margaret Darke Engle (Elizabeth *Craigford* Engle, '31), (4) Mary Louise and Kimberley Hartzog (Louise *Hodges* Hartzog, '22), (5) Suzanne Hennis (Myrtle *Fox* Hennis, '39x'38), (6) Twins—June and Kay Early (Katherine *Major* Early, '37), (7) Liza Jameson Bee (Joyce *Albright* Bee, '41), (8) Carla Camille and Gale Dee Welliver (Ruth Rose *Gale* Welliver, '38).



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(1) Caroline Elizabeth Gray (*Jean Larner* Gray, '41), (2) Betty Banner Hudgins (*Elizabeth Banner* Hudgins, '39), (3) Kent Pendleton Perley (*Cecil Pendleton* Perley, '30), (4) Phoebe Rivera (*Laura Martin Jarman* Rivera, '31), (5) Brooke Blackford Higgs (*Adrey Blackford* Higgs, '24), (6) Elizabeth Dudley Brown (*Blessing Whitmore* Brown, '37), (7) Grace Connally (*Harriett Harrington* Connally, '43), (8) Charlotte Anne Mitchell (*Alma Hines* Mitchell, '40x'37).

## "Thumbs Up"

NETTIE JUNKIN, '27

*An excerpt from a letter from an alumna describing her experiences in China. Nettie's last letter, dated February 15, 1947, gives her address as Presbyterian Mission, Changteh, Hunan, China.*

Three months today have I been back in China. And am I glad to be here! Yes, it is good to be back, good to see Chinese faces, cheerful in spite of conditions, to hear Chinese speech, eat Chinese food, and even to walk rough Chinese streets, but most of all to greet a few old friends and meet new ones. Chinese people make good friends, both as individuals and as a nation. How glad I am that God has privileged me to be here.

But I am not at the Fuhsiang Girls' School in Yuanling, Hunan, yet, where I aimed to go. The Consul feels that it is too near the front lines and will not permit me to go. For the time being I am here, near Chungking, for student work.

The trip in from India to Kunming "over the hump," as they call the high mountains between, was a beautiful day of lovely views of the lofty mountains, rivers and forests, clouds, rain and sunshine. When we came at last to Kunming and began to circle down over Chinese roofs I wanted both to sing the Doxology and to weep for joy. But don't worry, I behaved quite properly and only wiggled in excitement. China at last! After a whole year of travel and delays, and the eternal urgency within to go on—on—to where I ought to be. My heart was very full of thankfulness.

I stayed in Kunming with the William Blackstones for a happy two weeks, trying to get permission to go to Hunan. This being refused I came on up here. What a wonderful trip it was—four days by American army truck and three by boat down the

Yangtze River since the convoy went elsewhere. The G I's were very good to me, especially the driver of the truck to which I was assigned. There were a good many Chinese riders, though I was the only American woman.

We came through mountains, and when I say "mountains" I mean MOUNTAINS. Range on range they ran. We'd boil up one range 4000—8000 feet, reach its top, and see six to eight more ranges beyond, stretching as far as one could see into blue infinity. Then we would plunge down the side in hairpin curves, down to a wide valley or a narrow gorge, and then repeat the whole process. Four days of it with never a level bit. The whole road is an engineering wonder. They say the Burma road is even more wonderful but that is hard to believe. It is nerve shattering for the driver but I trusted him and the Lord and looked at the lovely scenery instead of the precipice below each sharp curve. Thus the journey was peaceful for me. At many of the stops I was a curiosity to the mountain villagers, but found that our dialects were not too different and I could tell them a little of the Gospel story. There is much need for work in these mountains and few churches.

All the way—those four days—I thought of the verse in Isa. 49: 11—12 "I will make all my mountains a way, and my highways shall be exalted. Behold, these shall come from far . . . and then from the land of Sinim (China)." Engineering has given us a physical highway in these high ranges, and it is for us to take the way for our God. We must claim His power and promise.

Thumps up!—That is another vivid memory of the trip. Our American boys learn a smattering of Chinese, but one phrase they do know is "ting hao," meaning "fine," "top notch." When this is spoken, or yelled, accompanied by a friendly grin and a thumb stuck in air from a fist, it is a greeting to warm the heart. The gesture is Chinese and means what the words express. Our army boys greet each other thus a good deal. As our convoy thundered past, the children all along the way would yell "ting hao" in glee, little thumbs in air. They jumped in glee

when we stuck our thumbs out of the cab window and yelled back. It was such fun. Never will I forget one sight—a big brother of six with little brother of one and one half tied to his back. The six year old face was wreathed in smiles and his thumb was waving, and peeping over one shoulder were two round solemn black eyes of baby brother, and a tiny, fat fist with a button like thumb—*up*. One of the G I boys said the other day—"The next generation in China will be born with their thumbs up".



### The Mary Baldwin Glee Club

The Mary Baldwin Glee club is a fine singing organization of forty-five selected voices. During the past year they have presented concerts in Richmond, Ashland, Charlottesville, Lexington, Winchester, and Staunton, Virginia, and Martinsburg, West Virginia. Their programs, secular and sacred, are of the highest quality, and have been enthusiastically received. The Glee Club is under the direction of Eugene Casselman,

formerly with the Westminster Choir. Their Spring schedule follows:

- May 2 — Concert at Washington and Lee University at Lexington, Virginia
- May 3 — Joint Concert with Washington and Lee at Mary Baldwin
- May 4 — Concert at Hampden-Sydney, Virginia

## Modifications in the Educational Program at Mary Baldwin

H. L. BRIDGES, *Acting Dean of Instruction*

The war years and the years of adjustment following the termination of hostilities constitute a period in which higher education in general has been subjected to profound stresses. The adjustment to a militarized program, the acceleration of students, the depletion of enrollments, the shifting of faculty members into government activities and the modification of administrative procedures to meet the needs of the returned veteran have left the colleges for men with problems which will affect their educational offering for years. The economic plight of the teacher has caused the teachers' college to view with alarm its status in the educational order. The small number of students ready for graduate school has moved the university farther along the road of research, and thus farther away from its instructional function.

In this educational turmoil, the liberal arts college for women has experienced few strains which have caused it to vary from the program designed to realize its established objectives. No other division of higher education has been in so favorable a position. Modifications in the educational program of the liberal arts colleges for women have followed deliberative study, rather than hasty reconstruction to meet an emergency. The slow refinement of evolution, rather than the drastic changes of revolution, has taken place in these institutions.

A study of the catalogues of Mary Baldwin College during this period will show that while no radical changes have taken place in the courses offered some changes have been made to meet the needs of the present generation of students. The basic philosophy of most liberal arts colleges is relatively conservative in nature; however, conservation does not imply that the curriculum is static.

The increasing interest shown in the liberal arts courses in universities, and even in technical colleges, indicates that our modern society does value this conservative program.

At Mary Baldwin, as well as at many other colleges, recent years have witnessed an increased interest in the sciences. While enrollments in general chemistry and physics are above those of former years, our greatest increases have been in the biological sciences. During the war, a course in elementary microscopic technique was introduced to provide preliminary training for students who wanted to become medical technicians. This course continues to be a popular one. We are offering this year, for the first time, courses in field zoology and vertebrate embryology for the more advanced students.

One gratifying trend in enrollment reflects the fact that the fine arts are being given more attention in liberal education. The number of Mary Baldwin students taking music courses has become so great that it has been necessary to add another instructor in that department. Even with this assistance, it is impossible to care for any special students from the community who are interested in enrollment in music. There will be one important change in music courses introduced next year; the course in history of music is being replaced by four semester courses. These new courses will be "The Musical Baroque," "Pianoforte Music," "Literature of the Symphony," and "Literature of the Opera."

The need for further development of mathematical skills on the part of students who were not prepared to enter college mathematics gave rise to a course in refresher mathematics during the war. Now that the emer-

gency has been removed, this course has been discontinued. For a number of years a semester of descriptive astronomy has been offered by the professor of mathematics. Plans have been made to follow this with a course in geology during the second semester of 1947-48.

To provide an opportunity for developing a better understanding of Russia, a course devoted to the study of the history of that country is scheduled to be offered in the first semester of the junior year. When this is followed by a semester's work on the history of the Far East, the student will be in a better position to appreciate the significance of the problems that arise in these areas of the world.

The change in degree requirements adopted three years ago goes into effect with the class of 1948. This change makes it necessary for all students to take the course, "Problems in a Philosophy of Life," during the first or second semester of the senior year. It is hoped that an analysis of some of the fundamental problems of belief will assist the senior student as she strives to organize her own philosophy of life. Prior to enrollment in this class, all students are required to have a year's study of the Bible in the "Development of Christianity" and "History of the Old Testament," and also one other semester's work in Bible or philosophy.

Interest in the modern languages at Mary Baldwin has been similar to that reported by other colleges. During the years when France suffered the tragic experiences of defeat and occupation, the students appeared to feel that French culture was doomed to be exterminated. Those years found many college students turning to Spanish as the modern language to be studied in their program of general education. The last two sessions have seen a reawakened interest in French. German did not suffer the decrease in enrollment which it experienced in the waves of

emotionalism in World War I. The number of students selecting this language for study, while small compared to French and Spanish, has remained fairly constant. The catalogue for 1947-48 carries a description of reorganization of the courses in Spanish literature. Mary Baldwin is cooperating with the Virginia Chapter of the National Modern Language Association by offering a scholarship valued at one hundred and fifty dollars to one of the Virginia students who makes a high score in the Modern Language Tournament.

Mary Baldwin has recognized the importance of economics in our modern world by extending the offerings in this department sufficiently to enable a student to minor in this field. Recent additions in this area include a course in "Labor Problems" and one in "Comparative Economic Systems."

Psychology and sociology have both undergone some changes. In sociology the advanced courses have been reorganized and placed on a year basis rather than upon a semester basis. The courses in criminology and social problems have merged into a year's study in these fields. The course "Introduction to Social Work" continues to attract the sociology majors.

English is still selected by more seniors for their field of major study than is any other subject. One change in this department which went into effect with the present session was to drop the oral work as a required part of the freshman course. Now students who have a need for individual attention along this line are advised to take the course designed for those with speech difficulties.

While many changes have been made to keep our program abreast of our modern world, we have tried at Mary Baldwin to remain fundamentally a college of liberal arts, keeping our educational roots firmly imbedded in the rich subject-matter of general education rather than in the more technical divisions of specialized training.

## Faculty Names In The News

DR. MILDRED TAYLOR. They tell us that in her spare time she knits. You may decide when she does it! At present, she is serving as State President of the American Association of University Women and program chairman for the Staunton Branch; she has just been elected President of the Woman's Auxiliary of the First Presbyterian Church in Staunton; she has traveled extensively in the interest of the College; and incidentally, she has missed only four classes from her full time position as professor of Mathematics and Astronomy at Mary Baldwin. On February 15, 1947, Dr. Taylor was initiated unto the Kappa Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, national honor fraternity in education. Only those who have achieved distinction in the teaching profession are invited to join this fraternity. Dr. Taylor will represent Virginia at the National Convention of the AAUW to be held in Dallas, Texas in April.

MRS. THOMAS GRAFTON, acting president of Mary Baldwin, was one of the principal speakers at the annual Christian Campus Mission Services at Peace College, Raleigh, North Carolina, February 11-13. Mrs. Grafton's lectures and discussions centered around the general subject, "Marriage and Home". Mrs. Grafton has recently been appointed chairman of the Commission on Curriculum of Colleges for Women.

DR. JOHN COLLINS and his wife, Margaret James Collins were appointed to the English department in December for the remainder of the year. Dr. Collins has his Ph. B. from Yale College and his Ph. D. from Yale University. Mrs. Collins obtained her B. A. (magna cum laude) from Wells College and her M. A. from Yale University. Both Dr. and Mrs. Collins have contributed to various publications. Mrs. Collins has had articles published in *This Week Magazine* and *Scribner's Magazine*. In 1944, she receiv-

ed honorable mention for the Maxwell Anderson Drama Award at Leland Stanford University for a full length play entitled *Rebellion*. Several of Dr. Collins' publications include articles in *Modern Language Notes*, *Progressive Education*, *Community Schools in Action* and *Spectulum*.

DR. THOMAS H. GRAFTON'S article, *The Sociology of Right and Wrong* appeared in the February 1947 issue of *American Sociological Review*. This is the second article by Dr. Grafton to appear in this publication.

MR. H. LEE BRIDGES, acting dean of instruction was chairman of the committee of the atomic study institution held in Staunton on February 20. Various phases of the atom and atomic energy were discussed at the one-day institute. Mr. Bridges will speak to a State meeting of the A. A. U. W. in Charlottesville, Virginia in April on "Federal Aid to Education".

MISS MARGUERITE HILLHOUSE, registrar and president of the Virginia Association of College Registrars for the past year, presided over the recent meetings of the Virginia registrars at Roanoke. Among those attending the sessions was MISS EMILY BALL, dean of women at Roanoke College, who was formerly secretary to the dean of students at Mary Baldwin. Miss Hillhouse also attended a meeting of the Association of Virginia Colleges in Richmond, Virginia on February 7 and 8.

DR. DOROTHY PENN, professor of Spanish at Mary Baldwin, attended the meetings of the Modern Language Association of Virginia, the American Association of Teachers of Spanish, and the American Association of Teachers of French in Richmond Va. in November. Dr. Penn, who is a graduate of the University of Missouri, with an M.A. from Columbia University and a Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin, organized the North and West Central Chapter of the

American Association of Teachers of French in 1936. She was vice-president of the Modern Language Association of Kansas for two years, and editor of the Bulletin of the Modern Language Association of Kansas in 1942.

THE FACULTY-SENIOR BASKETBALL game on March 15, proved an exciting battle as usual. Before a large crowd of students, their dates, and faculty, the game rushed along with loud cheers whenever the Seniors made a goal. In spite of the spattering of applause with which the faculty team's goals were greeted, the Seniors were defeated. Faculty survivors were invited by Miss Parker to a party after the game.

THE SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION of Colleges and Secondary Schools, met in Memphis, Tennessee in December. Mrs Thomas Grafton who is secretary of the Conference of Academic Deans, and Mr. H. L. Bridges represented Mary Baldwin at this meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to vote on the accrediting of schools joining the association. The group also attended lectures and discussions on college education.

BASKETBALL as a RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY for WOMEN, an article by Miss Christine Foster, head of the physical education department, appeared in the January issue of *The Journal of Health and Physical Education*, official journal of the American Association for Health. Miss Foster, who succeeded Miss Mary Collins Powell as director of physical education in 1943, received her B. A. degree from Teachers' College, Columbia University.

MARY BALDWIN COLLEGE was represented at the inauguration of Dr. Martha Lucas as president of Sweet Briar College by Mrs. Thomas Grafton, acting president. At the inauguration of Dr. George Modlin as president of the University of Richmond, Dr. Mildred Taylor represented the American Association of University Women. Mrs. John A. Mapp, former national

president of the Mary Baldwin Alumnae Association, represented the college.

MISS ELIZABETH PARKER, Dean of Students, has had a very busy winter. In October Miss Parker attended the Regional Association Meeting at Randolph-Macon, Lynchburg, Virginia. In December an informal association of the Deans of Hollins, Sweet Briar, Randolph-Macon, and Mary Baldwin met at Natural Bridge, Virginia. Mrs. Vega Lytton, Assistant-Dean, accompanied Miss Parker to this meeting. The first of March the Deans of the four colleges are meeting again in Roanoke, Virginia this time with students representatives. The last of March our Dean will be in Columbus, Ohio for the meeting of the National Association of Deans of Women.

A FOLIO OF DRAWINGS of Staunton buildings possessing genuine architectural beauty by Horace T. Day, associate professor of art now on a year's leave of absence, has just been published. Accompanying the drawings is a literary contribution by Mrs. Elizabeth Nottingham Day which reveals careful study of local history and of the buildings sketched. "Mr. Day has produced faultless drawings of these beautiful structures, each being worthy of framing and display as a work of art", one critic has observed, "and Mrs. Day's text complements her husband's work and enhances its value and interest".

THE HISTORY OF MACMURRAY COLLEGE by Dr. Mary Watters, research professor of history, soon will be published. A historian of considerable experience Dr. Watters spent more than a year on the campus of MacMurray College for Women at Jacksonville, Illinois collecting data for her book. Dr. Watters is the author of *The History of Mary Baldwin College, A History of the Church in Venezuela* and a number of articles on Venezuelan history.

MR. GEORGE CRESS of the Art Department held an exhibition of his works in January in the Art Building.

## Chapter Notes

### WASHINGTON

The fall meeting of the Washington Chapter, whose chairman is Mary *Noel* Evans, '10 (Mrs. A. B.), was held October 19 in the Mary Waddell Room of the Central Presbyterian Church in Washington, D. C. Mr. Daffin and Miss Bivens were invited to attend and were very glad to be present for it was a grand meeting. Mr. Daffin spoke to the members on the New Dormitory Project and Miss Bivens presented news of the Alumnae Office with accent on the Alumnae Fund Plan. The Washington Chapter has long been one of our strongest and most enthusiastic groups. Margaret Daniel, '96 is secretary for the chapter, and Elva Lee Chew, '22 is treasurer. The chapters spring meeting will be held in early May.

### NEW YORK

A preliminary get-together with the purpose of planning a reorganization meeting for the New York Chapter was held in The Biltmore Hotel in New York, November 25. Saturday, February 15 a luncheon meeting, attended by forty alumnae, was held in the Town Hall Club, New York City. Mary Jane Cooke, '38 was voted chairman; Betty Ann Cooke, '44, secretary; Margaret Wardlaw, '40, treasurer. The outcome of the meeting found the chapter dues set, a minimum of two meetings each year decided upon, and a unanimous vote for the chapter to pledge \$75 (with the hope of making it much more) to the New Dormitory Fund for each of the next three years. The New York girls are now busy completing plans for their May 3 luncheon. The Alumnae Office would like to take this opportunity to thank those girls responsible for a very splendid reorganization. We're more than pleased!

### DETROIT

The Alumnae Office wrote to Pauline *Anderson* Cumming, '14 (Mrs. R. E.) in December to ask if she would assist us in getting a chapter meeting in Detroit. Mrs. Cumming very kindly consented and with the help of Conway *Fleming* Weary, '10 (Mrs. Leslie C.) who offered her home for the meeting, a tea was arranged for the afternoon of December 30. Dr. Mildred Taylor was good enough to take a few days of her Christmas vacation to attend the tea and give our Detroit alumnae news of the college and the work in the Alumnae Office. Despite extremely bad weather and the usual Christmas time rush, the Detroit meeting was well attended. Dr. Taylor thoroughly enjoyed her visit and reports that the Detroit group is a fine and enthusiastic one. The new leaders of the Detroit Chapter are Anne *Gard* Kinze, '45 (Mrs. H. B.) chairman and Joyce *Albright* Bee, '41 (Mrs. G. E.) co-chairman.

### DURHAM

Beth *Tilley* McClees, '42, wrote the Alumnae Office of the interest of the Durham, North Carolina alumnae in forming a chapter. Lists were quickly sent and the girls held their first meeting December 3. Since that meeting came at a time when everyone was busy with Christmas plans, the attendance wasn't too good. It was decided to put off the election of officers for a later meeting. We are looking forward to hearing from the Durham girls again before long. Thanks so much for the interest shown.

The Alumnae Office has been in contact with a great many of our chapters and we hope, when the next News Letter time arrives, that we will be able to give a *several page* report on the progress of chapter reorganization. If you are interested in forming an Alumnae Chapter let us hear from you!

## IN MEMORIAM

1878 Jennie <i>Rodes</i> Fletcher 1883	1902 Mary <i>Tilgleman</i> Strudwick
Emma <i>Meadows</i> Cockrell- Fannie <i>Christian</i> Christian 1884	1903 Edith <i>Seymour</i> Biglow 1905
Mary <i>MacGavock</i> Russell 1887	1909 Elsa <i>Hammer</i> Hamilton
May <i>Faulkner</i> Fuller 1893	1916 Dorothy <i>Armstrong</i> Miles
Annie <i>Dickson</i> Pearsall 1899	1925 Helen <i>Blackburn</i> Jordan
Ora Eliza Miller	King <i>Nelson</i> Chamberlain

### MRS. JOHN B. DAFFIN

It is with deep sorrow that we have to announce the death of Mrs. John Daffin on February 24. Mrs. Daffin, wife of the treasurer and business manager of Mary Baldwin, died in Batesville, Arkansas, her old home, after an extended illness.

Mrs. Daffin was a member of the Presbyterian Church from childhood. Possessing a beautiful voice, she gave freely of her time and talent to the work of the church. Her triumphant faith, her unfailing courage, and cheer in spite of her prolonged illness will long be remembered by those who loved her.

## CLASS NOTES

1872

One of our oldest alumnae, Mrs. Lucie Ellen Jackson, passed her ninety-second birthday last November 4. Mrs. Grafton, acting president, wrote her congratulations to Mrs. Jackson and received this reply: "Your kind letter is very much appreciated, I thank you. I am proud that I was a pupil of dear Mary Baldwin College, and still have the gold medal given me in 1872. I showed it to President Jarman several years ago when he came to Montgomery. I had a wonderful birthday, November 4 \*\*\*\*\*. I appreciate it all, and thank my Heavenly Father for all my blessings. With best wishes and thanks\*\*\*\*\*"

1888

Carrie W. Shields writes: "Thank you so much for the attractive little calendar you sent me. I have it on my desk now, and shall enjoy using it. I was a student at A.F.S. in the late eighties, now in the long, long ago, but I shall ever remember my Alma-mater with a great deal of love and affection. With best wishes for M. B. C."

1899

The Alumnae Office wishes to express sympathy to Maggie Bell *Roller* Robinson on the death of her husband.

1912

Sarah Bell *Wysor* would like for her friends to know that she and her family are permanently located on Maple Street in Clinton, S. C. Mrs. *Wysor*'s daughter, Kent, is a freshman at Mary Baldwin this year.

1918

Corinne Baker *Pishny* has a son twelve years of age and two daughters, Frances, age sixteen and Evelyn, fourteen.

1921

Frances *Carleton* Compton writes that she and her husband are having more fun than they have had in all their seventeen years of married life now that they have adopted twin sons. The boys, Robert Welty and William French, were six months of age at the time of Frances' letter.

1922

Martha *Boxley* Trigg is manager of a small importing shop in Richmond, Virginia.

1923

Carolyn Eagle is now Mrs. Guy Mace. Carolyn and her husband are living in Huntington, West Virginia.

1924

The College received a letter from Constance *Barlow* Bailey some months ago. Constance writes, "Going through your catalogue and looking over old snapshots of my own Mary Baldwin days have brought back many happy recollections. It is hard to believe that all that was 22 years ago and that my own daughter will be ready for college in two more years. Since 1941 I have traveled around the country with my husband and have only settled down again a year or so ago." The Bailey's are living at 150 Mason St., Greenwich, Conn.

Last fall in the first presentation of its kind ever made in Augusta County, Mr. and Mrs. G. Dayton Hodges and daughter, Mary McComb, were honored in ceremonies at "Arbor Hill" their farm home, with a plaque and certificate designating them a Master Farm Family in the state. Mrs. Hodges is the former Mary Virginia McComb. The Hodges are one of 30 Virginia families to have been so honored. Ten such awards are being made this year, 16 were made in 1929, and 4 in 1938. In recognition of "notable accomplishments in farming, home making, and citizenship," the award is presented by the Progressive Farmer Magazine and the Virginia Extension Service.

1925

Lieutenant and Mrs. James L. Whitehurst have a daughter, Cornelia Quarles Whitehurst, born January 2, 1947. Mrs. Whitehurst is the former Mary Nelson Quarles.

1926

Sincere sympathy to Dixie Taylor on the loss of her father on March 9, 1947.

The Alumnae Office wishes to express sympathy to Sarah Wells, '24, and to Catherine Wells, '24, on the death of their father.

Martha *Gayhart* Bennett lives in Saltville, Virginia and has been doing substitute teaching in the High School there. Martha writes that she and Elizabeth Fields, '31, who teaches in the Primary School in Saltville, often meet at lunch time and talk over old times at Mary Baldwin.

1927

Eleanor Adams is director of Disaster Publicity for the American Red Cross. Eleanor has just finished making a two-reel documentary film with RKO-Pathe, "Disaster Strikes," for which she did the script-scenario and served as Red Cross technical adviser. In a recent letter Eleanor writes, "There are many opportunities and outlets for doing considerable radio and film scripts and feature writing on the side in this work, but never time enough between the jaunts Red Cross sends me on."

1928

Dorothy McDanald is now Mrs. Robert Troup and is living in Sloatsburg, New York.

Lena *McAden* Simpson adopted a baby boy last April. Lena is living at 1224 Dancy St., Jacksonville, Florida.

1930

Virginia *Burke* Robertson has a son, Thomas Burke, born several months ago.

1931

Sympathy is extended to Freda *Wainberg* Kronsberg, x'29, on the loss of her mother in January.

A nice long letter from Elizabeth *Crawford* Engle, whose husband is pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Hampton, Virginia, gave us an account of some of her activities. Elizabeth is Chairman of the Peninsula District of the Woman's Auxiliary of Norfolk Presbytery, recording secretary of the Hampton Woman's Club, and secretary for the Kecoughtan Literary Circle. We can certainly see why Elizabeth is busy all the day long.

1932

Josephine *Hutcheson* Magnifico and husband are at Blackstone College, Blackstone, Virginia. Mr. Magnifico is Counsellor of Education and Josephine teaches math and assists as dean. Josephine visited the college the last of February.

1933

Our deep sympathy to Margaret *DeMund* Banta on the loss of her father in January.

1934

Polly *Cox* Swenson, x'31, (Mrs. William G. Swenson) has two daughters, age nine and six.

Grace *Crowe* Bobe is living in Pine Beach, New Jersey. Grace's husband is Business Manager at the Admiral Farragut School for Boys.

Isabel *Briolo* Kivighan, x'32, has a daughter, Mary Carol, born in the late fall.

Our sympathy goes to Anne *Holman* Hinckley on the death of her father in February.

1935

Peggy Lunsford, x'33, and Ralph Turner Jones were married in late October. Peggy's husband is a graduate of Randolph-Macon College and the University of Virginia Law School.

Virginia *House* Puckett's husband is now head of the Biology Department at Davidson College. Virginia says her little girl, Ginger, is almost two and the time has arrived to enroll her in Mary Baldwin. The Puckett's new address is Concord St., Davidson, N. C.

Joyce Eleanor Markillie, x'32, is now Mrs. Donald A. Kilpatrick of Valley Vista Gardens, Ashtabula, Ohio.

The College received a nice letter from Louise *Martin* Rohrer in January. Louise writes that she hopes to bring her seven year old daughter, Anna Lloyd, to commencement this June.

1936

In December, Mary Emma Ogden, x'33, became the bride of Joseph Guy Rusmiselle. Mr. Rusmiselle is district manager of the Farm Bureau Insurance Companies with headquarters in Waynesboro, Virginia.

Lucille *White* Whitted lives in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Her husband is teaching Spanish there while working on his Ph.D. in Romance languages. Lucilla is taking a course or two each quarter for fun!

1937

Martha *Lancaster* Early lives at 2904 S. Lang St., Arlington, Virginia. Mickey's husband is manager of a branch of the Hopkins Furniture Company, Alexandria. The Early's have two children; Martha Page, four years old and Herbert, age two.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Robert Jeffrey announce the marriage of their daughter, Jane *Jeffrey* Bennett, and Mr. Edward Joseph Stephani. Florence *Jeffrey* Wingo, '40, was her sister's matron of honor and only attendant.

Nellie Virginia Coyner, x'35, is to be married to William Porter Clyburn, of Lancaster, South Carolina in the early spring.

Virginia Gant will be married April 17 to Perry F. Kendig, Dean of Students at Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pa.

Alice *Gilkeson* Simpkins has a son, Crawford, born last fall. The Simpkins are living in Lyon, Miss.

1938

Sarah *Latham* Campbell has a daughter, Carolyn, born in 1944. Sarah's address is Box 5472, State College Station, Raleigh, N. C.

1939

Virginia *Payne* Harwood, x'37, is now working for the F. B. I. in Richmond, Virginia.

Katherine *Bretch* Brinkley, x'36, has a second son, Keith Bretch Brinkley, born March 26, 1946. We hear that the Brinkleys are living in Pasadena, California—if anyone knows their address the Alumnae Office would appreciate your letting us know.

Louise Wilson, x'37, was married to Robert Sherman on September 12, 1946 in Denver, Colorado. The Shermans are at home at 75 Seacliff, San Francisco, California.

Kathryn Marks has been Mrs. Roy R. Merchant, Jr. since 1942.

1940

Frances Louise *Walters* Schwartz has a son, Jerry Lee Schwartz, born December 28, 1946.

Alice *Jones* Thompson has a son, William McIlwaine, Jr., born February 19, 1947. Alice and family are now living in New Haven, Connecticut.

Molly *Wagener* Rice and her husband will move to Huntington, West Virginia in the near future. Molly's husband will take the church started several years ago by Dr. Charles Logan. Dr. Logan is Laura *Brown* Logan's husband.

Mary Louise *Van Atta* Derr has a son, Michael Edward, born September 28, 1946.

1941

Dorothy Adams, x'38, is a chemist with DuPont.

Pauline Strickland, x'39, was married on September 6, 1946 to John Manning Grinnan.

Major and Mrs. Robinson G. Minick of Washington have a daughter, Linda Robinson, born January 29, 1947 in Walter Reed Hospital. Mrs. Minick is the former Jane Simmons, x'39.

Nina Sproul Wise's second daughter, Katherine Douglass, was born February 8, 1947.

Elizabeth Foster, x'38, is now Mrs. Alfred Kerpen. Elizabeth and her husband are living at 445 N. C. 30 Terrace, Miami, Florida.

Enjoyed hearing from Doris Siler Miller in January. Doris writes that she has received a letter from Katharine Licklider Crane who is now in Germany with her husband. Kat has two children, a girl, three and a boy, one. Doris' children, Jimmie, three, and Patty Sue, one, keep her busy.

1942

Mary Anne Jones Rogers and her husband Dr. Rogers are living in Brooklyn, New York. The Rogers have a 15 month old daughter.

Maxine Ham was married July 31, 1946 to John Millard Harrison. The Harrison's are making their home at 3931 Pennsylvania Ave., S. E., Washington, D. C.

Janet Werner, x'39, became the bride of Vernie E. Harris on October 14 in the Elk City Methodist church. Janet and her husband will establish a home in Elk City, where Mr. Harris is associated with the law firm of Simpkins and Harris.

Marjorie Embleton, x'40, is now Mrs. G. T. Crichton.

Pat Lifsey Daniel has a second son, Pope Lifsey Daniel, born November 20, 1946.

Ann Timberlake Boatwright is living at 107-A Armstrong Drive, Sussex at Hampton, Hampton, Virginia. Ann's husband is an aeronautical engineer working in the research laboratory at Langley Field for the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics.

Glada Moses Beard is living at 33 Windemere Avenue, Lansdowne, Pa. Glada's husband is an electrical engineer with General Electric.

Carolyn Breeding Graham has a son and a daughter. Carolyn's husband is studying engineering at the University of Tennessee.

Mary Hampton Bartenstein Faulkner is living at 1406 Washington Avenue, Fredericksburg, Virginia. Hampy's husband is rector of St. George's Episcopal Church in Fredericksburg.

Virginia Houston was recently married to George F. Claussen of Augusta, Georgia.

Linda Paxson, x'40, is now Mrs. Hugh E. Urbantke. Linda's address is 1707 Stanford Ave., Houston, Texas.

Nancy McWhorter was recently married to George Hurley, Jr. The Hurley's are living in West Arlington, Virginia.

The Alumnae Office received a nice letter from Betty Bailey Hall, x'39, last fall. Sorry the news came just a little too late to make the October Bulletin so we're putting you in this issue, Betty. Betty's second son, Thomas Bailey Hall was born September 24, 1946. Ricky, the Hall's older son, is almost two years old now.

Mildred Hudson Small, x'41, has a son, John French Small, III, born on January 8.

1943

Mary Emma Huffman, x'40, is married to William Bock.

Beatrice Ware, x'41, has resigned her position as Hospital Recreation Worker with the American Red Cross and is in hopes of getting into personnel work.

Virginia Hughes is working as a secretary in one of the government departments in Washington.

The Alumnae Office received a grand long letter from Pat Johnstone Smith, x'40, in November. Pat's husband has accepted a position with the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company in Akron, Ohio. He will work in the plastics department in the research laboratory. The Smiths went to Ohio in October and bought a lovely home at 2701 Oak Park Blvd., Cuyahoga Falls, a suburb of Akron. Thanks so much for the newsy letter, Pat. We'll be looking forward to hearing from you again.

Ann Rife, x'41, is now Mrs. Ed Cox.

Caroline Hunt Sands, x'41, has a son born in October of 1946.

Marilyn Newsom, x'40, is now Mrs. James McHaney and is living in Germany.

Corinne Brooks Mansfield, x'41, has a daughter, Marilynn. The Mansfields are living at Alamasa Ranch, Vaga, Texas.

Dorothy Howard Gay, x'40, has a daughter three years old. Dorothy's husband is an artist and her address is Mrs. Tom Gay, Jr., 613 Roseneath Rd., Richmond, Virginia.

Elaine Bretch Will has a daughter, Marcia Stuart, born April 24, 1946.

Mary Ruth Planche Sanders, x'40, has a daughter, Cornelia Lane, born November 29, 1946. Mary Ruth and family are living on Briarcliff Road, North Kansas City, Missouri.

Ruth Peters Sproul has a second son, James Mason, born September 20, 1946.

1944

Mary Evelyn Irby was married to James Doyle Berry October 16, 1946. The Berry's will live in Sapulpa where Mary Evelyn's husband is associated with the American National Bank.

Sallie Moore, x'41, was married to David Benedict Fox on November 29, 1946 in Memphis, Tennessee.

Virginia Plyer Gravelle, x'42, has a son, David Alfred, born October 16, 1946.

Betty Williford, x'41, is now Mrs. Arthur E. Bone and is living at 71 S. Harrison, East Orange, New Jersey.

Mildred Roycroft Teer, x'42, has a son, Marvin Roycroft Teer, born February 6, 1947.

A letter from Margie Hartwood Kreisle, x'42, tells us that her husband received his M.D. from Harvard Medical School last March and is now interning in surgery at the Boston City Hospital. Margie's daughter, Linda, is over a year old now.

Christine Davis who received her master's degree in psychology in September from the University of Virginia is employed there now by the Bureau of Population and Economic Research.

Keith Pope, x'42, was married to Joseph Calhoun Webb, Jr. last autumn.

1945

Betty Holt, x'43, was married to Edward Ewing Wall, Jr. October 19 in Las Vegas, Nevada. The Wall's are making their home at 1056 Walnut Street, Burbank, California.

In a 4 p.m. ceremony October 19 in St. Paul's Episcopal cathedral, Jane Ward Herrel became the bride of Felix N. Porter. Jane Ward's husband is associated with the First National Bank and Trust Co. of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Carol *Surre* Dunning, x'43, is with her husband at Baldwin-Wallace College, Berea, Ohio. Carol is working in the library of the college while her husband is studying Business Administration.

Jean Griffith, x'42, is now Mrs. Charles T. Mitchell. Jean is secretary to the Dean of Men at Marshall College, Huntington, W. Va.

Ann Daughtrey was married on October 5th in the First Presbyterian Church in Suffolk, Virginia to James Drewwy Harrell, Jr. Celia *Lacy* Whalen was Ann's matron of honor. Ann's husband is an accountant with the Suffolk Gas and Oil Company.

Bessie Stallings was married in June to Kelley Ritter. The Ritters are living in Lumberton, North Carolina where Mr. Ritter is on the tobacco market.

Celia *Lacy* Whalen is living at home while her husband, a Captain in the army, is stationed at Ft. Meyer in Alexandria, Virginia.

Clemence *Virrett* Pridham (Mrs. L. A.), x'42, has a daughter born October 5, 1946.

Mimi *Mitchell* Tufts, x'43, has a young daughter. Mimi and family have moved from Texas to Atlanta, Georgia.

Katharine Keller, x'43, graduated from Texas University and will work on the Society Editors Staff of the Dallas Morning News.

Darcy Scudder, x'42, was married to Charles Augustus Kirschbaum, Jr., Lieutenant, United States Navy, February 8, 1947.

Betty Jo Gardner was married to Frank Humbert Dudley in December. Mrs. Theodore M. Smith, the former Annie Lee Gardner, '41x'39, of Parkersburg, W. Va. was her sister's matron of honor.

Dana Robertson will be married in the spring to Joseph Stuart Rowland. Dana was recently graduated from the Johnston-Willis School of Nursing in Richmond, Va.

Helen Frances Cook is to be married April 5 to Leo V. McQuillen. Helen Frances' new address will be 2518 Kanawha Blvd., Charleston, West Virginia.

Anne Sims is in Boston, Massachusetts doing secretarial work for the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Sally Beale, x'43, to William Kean Weaver 3d, son of Col. William K. Weaver, USA (retired), and Mrs. Weaver. Mr. Weaver is studying engineering at the University of Baltimore.

Alice Brand's engagement to Lewis Venable Boyle has been announced. Alice will graduate from the Presbyterian Assembly Training School in May, and plans to be married in June.

#### 1946

On October 10, 1946 Mary Elizabeth Young, x'43, was married to Dunlap Cannon, Jr. Mary Lib's husband is a graduate of Baylor School in Chattanooga, Southwestern and Harvard Law School, and is now engaged in the practice of law in Memphis, Tenn.

The wedding of Emily Ann Moore, x'44, and Charles Frank Seay, Jr. took place Saturday evening, October 5,

in First Presbyterian Church, Dallas. Emily Ann and her husband will live in Austin, Texas.

Mary Naomi Cross, x'44, was married to Douglas Fountain Wulffleff on Sunday the 20th of October, 1946.

Joan Moran's new address is 217 Granville Avenue, Beckley, W. Va. Joan stopped by the college for a short visit in December—'twas nice seeing you, Joan, and come again soon.

Betty Bryant, x'45, is now Mrs. R. J. Anspack.

Betty Timberlake, x'44, graduated from Mary Washington in Fredericksburg, Virginia. Betty is planning to enter Johns Hopkins in the spring to study nursing.

Doris Allen, x'43, is now Society Editor of the Times Herald in Dallas, Texas.

Shirley Anne Miller was married to James Robert Osborne of Charleston, West Virginia, on Friday evening, December 27, 1946 at seven o'clock in Saint Joseph's Chapel, Washington Cathedral in Washington, D. C. Jane Darden was one of Sam's attendants.

Bertie Murphy, x'44, was married on August 5, 1946, to Lt. John W. Deming. Bertie and his husband are stationed at Ft. Lewis in Washington state.

Noell Harr was married to John Edwin Woodward, Jr. Saturday evening, the first of March in the Mountain Home Memorial Chapel, Johnson City, Tennessee. Noell and her husband are now living at 6 Oak Lane, Hampton Gardens, Richmond, Virginia.

Nancy *Reilly* Robinson, x'43, has a baby daughter, Margaret Ruth, born on February 14th in Charlottesville, Va. Nancy and her husband, Gordon, are living at Dunnington House, University of Virginia, while he finishes school.

Cecile Mears is attending the University of Virginia Law School this winter and has pledged Kappa Delta Sorority at the University. Cecile's address is 1 Park Place, Charlottesville.

Mr. and Mrs. William Henning Darden of Norfolk and Virginia Beach have announced the engagement of their daughter, Beverly Jane, to Mr. Tilman Carlisle Britt, Jr., son of Dr. and Mrs. T. C. Britt of Mt. Airy, N. C. Mr. Britt attended Wake Forest College in Wake Forest, N. C. and is attending Bowman-Gray Medical School in Winston-Salem, N. C., at present. Jane plans her wedding for June.

Harriett Showell, x'44, is engaged to Mr. Leroy Bald of Baltimore, Maryland. No date has been set for the wedding.

Clarice Jett, x'43, will be married in April to Martin Shelton Williams, III.

Jane Proffit, x'45, was married to Dr. Charles Edwin Pruitt on March 8 in the Floyd Presbyterian Church, Floyd, Virginia.

Marjorie *Moore* Council, x'44, has a daughter, Susan, born in the early summer of 1946.

Mary Elizabeth Young, x'43, was married to Dunlap Cannon last fall. The Cannons are living in Memphis.

Madelyn Richardson is teaching in Memphis, Tennessee.

Peggy Nairn plans to continue her study of dramatics at Catholic University, Washington, D. C. Peggy has been working at the Spring Valley Shop of Julius Garfinkel and Co. doing advertising and display work and selling dresses in between.

#### 1947

Mary Houston Lawson, x'45, was married September 28, 1946 to Mr. A. W. Hodges.

Priscilla Thomason, x'44, and Virginia White, x'45, are studying at Texas University, Austin, Texas.

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Sarah Beals to Major Henry Earl Holzbach, Jr., of the United States Army, in St. Mary's Episcopal Church in St. Paul, Minn., on Christmas Day. Sarah and her husband are making their home in New York City.

Betty Lane, x'45, was graduated from Katherine Gibbs in June and is now an editorial assistant for the B. J. Martin Publishing Company. Betty's engagement to John Kenneth Shadék of Chicago was announced recently.

Ann Bush Putzel, x'44, has moved back to New Orleans where her husband, Charlie, has accepted a residency at Ochner Clinic. They are living at 4222 Pitt Street.

Beau Boehme, x'44, will be married on June 21 to Edward Grimes Hilton, also of Dayton.

Jeanne Haley, x'44, was graduated from the University of Virginia in September and is now working there in the Office of the Dean of Counseling. Thanks ever so much for the grand letter, Jeanne—you can see we are making good use of the news you sent to us!

Alice Summers, x'45, is a senior at the University of North Carolina.

The parents of Mary Frances Quick, x'44, have announced her engagement to Novice Lanier Deaver. Mary Frances plans her wedding for the latter part of March.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Patricia Ann Eubank to David LeRoy Sledge. The wedding will take place in June. Pat is a senior this year and will receive her A.B. degree in June.

Burney Hay, x'44, is a student at Assembly's Training School, Richmond, Virginia.

Joanne *Stranberg* Hohler, x'45, has a daughter, Melodie Ann, born February 3, 1947.

Courtney Plaskitt, x'45, is copy girl on The Evening Star in Washington, D. C. Know Courtney is happy now that she is at last working on a newspaper!

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Betty Jane Hicks, x'44, to Charles Edmund McCrary. The wedding is to take place in June. Since leaving Mary Baldwin, Betty Jane has held a position with the North Carolina State Commission for the Blind.

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Nancy Ruth Newton, x'44, to Thomas Warren Stevenson, Jr. on the fourth of January. John Gravelle, husband of Virginia *Plyler* Gravelle, '45x'42, was soloist at Nancy's wedding.

1948

Charlotte Amick, x'45, is now studying at the Ohio State University.

Barbara Ann Murray, x'46, was married to James Rennie Perrin on Friday, December 27, 1946. Barbara Ann's husband is in the comptroller's office of the Cone Mills in Greensboro, N. C.

Paula Rupe, x'45, and Margaret Hamilton, x'46, are attending Texas University in Austin, Texas.

Leone Bellingrath, x'45, has been married to Tracy Jones.

Pamela Burnside, x'45, has been selected to represent Westhampton College at the Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival in Winchester, Virginia, May 1 and 2. "Pam" is a junior at Westhampton this year.

Mary Baldwin will be represented at the Apple Blossom Festival by Mary Sue Grosso. Mary Sue is a member of the junior class this year.

1949

Patricia Murphee, x'46, is now a student at T. C. U. in Fort Worth, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Jones have announced the engagement of their daughter, Mary Stuart Jones, x'46, to Robert Settle, Jr. Mary Stuart is now a student at St. Claire's Medical Secretarial School in Richmond, Virginia.

1950

Mary Jane Brinson, x'47, was married to George Hubert Bowers, Jr. at the First Lutheran Church in Norfolk on December 23.

Post Green House  
Lytchett Minister  
Dorset, England  
March 1, 1947

Dear M. B. C.,

Long ago and far away I was warm and comfortable and thought there would be nothing nicer than to finish college and travel about to see the world. I didn't finish college, but I surely have travelled, and at this point I'd like nothing better than to crawl back into my cozy room at M. B. C. and be a warm student again! You've seen the papers with their descriptions of the blizzards and freezes; actually, the newspaper accounts can't possibly tell all of the discomforts. Tiny fireplaces, drafty halls, no weather stripping nor anything to keep the weather outside. I really don't know how the British have lasted as long as they have. Or am I just a soft American? I've been here since November. Came over with my two girls, ages ten and three, on the return voyage of the Queen Elizabeth. Spent a week in New York before sailing and had a grand time with Barbara Smith who had visited me at Ft. Knox, Kentucky in June. Since then I've been up and down, mentally speaking. Bill, the husband, is doing duty with the Royal Armored School and we're living in an ancient place fortunately in the South of England, very near several summer resort towns on the coast. It will be lovely in the spring and summer; at present the weather is anything but lovely, and I'm taking an extremely dim view of this life. I'll see England in the spring, and hope to come home this summer, although Uncle Sam hasn't said, and we're not sure exactly when we'll be ordered back to civilization. In the meantime, we're seeing as much as we can of this country. Salisbury Cathedral and Stonehenge, Thomas Hardy's home near by, Lawrence of Arabia's place, and Roman ruins galore. In London, where I've been only shopping, I've crossed Waterloo Bridge, driven down Half-Moon Street, shopped in Picadilly and the Haymarket. It's interesting, to say the least. We're one hundred and twenty miles from London, not far from Devonshire, and living near Weymouth, which is the town from which our Pilgrims set sail. On clear days we can see the Isle of Wight in the distance, over Poole Harbor.

Best luck always, hope to get back to school one day soon if only to enter my two girls as future students.

Bebe *Hannah* Fuller, '35x'33

## SPRING CALENDAR

April 2-9: Easter Vacation begins at 12:30  
April 12: YWCA Barn Dance  
April 14: John Mason Brown lecture  
April 19: Swimming Pageant  
April 25-27: Historical Pilgrimage  
May 3: Washington and Lee Glee Club  
May 4: Vesper Installation of YW Officers  
May 8: Installation of Student Government Officers—12:00  
May 9-10: Spring Play  
May 12: Comprehensives begin  
May 17: Spring Dance  
May 19: Miss McNeil's Organ Recital  
May 29: Second Semester Exams begin

## COMMENCEMENT CALENDAR

June 6 8:00 P. M. National Board Meeting of the Alumnae Association  
Agnes *Junkin* Perry, President presiding

June 7 9:30 A. M. Breakfast for Class Managers  
Anville *Prescott* Shultz, Chairman of Alumnae Fund presiding  
11:00 A. M. Business meeting of the National Alumnae Association  
Mirror Room—King Building  
1:00 P. M. Luncheon—Stonewall Jackson Hotel  
Speaker: Mr. H. L. Bridges, acting Dean of Instruction, Mary Baldwin College  
4:00 P. M. Senior Class Day and Pageant

June 8 11:00 A. M. Baccalaureate Sermon  
First Presbyterian Church  
Dr. E. T. Thompson, Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Virginia

June 9 10:00 A. M. Graduation Exercises  
King Building  
Commencement address—Dean M. T. McClure  
University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois

## Alumnae Fund Progresses

### DO YOU KNOW THAT

YOUR Association changed from the annual dues plan to an Alumnae Fund last June in order to increase its scope of service? The receipts from dues had been so small that it scarcely covered the publication of the NEWS LETTER.

THE College Board of Trustees approves of the change and has agreed to help finance the Association until it can become self-supporting?

YOUR Alumnae Fund operates on a fiscal year that begins July 1 and ends June 30? A gift of any amount entitles you to membership from the date of your gift to the following June 30. Contributions made in July give you a full year's membership in your association.

YOUR gift, no matter how large or small, makes you an active member of the Association, brings you the Alumnae News Bulletin and entitles you to a vote in alumnae affairs?

CLASS Managers and sub-agents are being selected to assist in the Fund work? They will contact every alumnae through letters asking their help in making the Fund a success.

THE contributions to date total \$1150?

THIS represents more than a 100% increase over the last year under the dues plan?

YOU can help expand the services of the Association as well as help to build a greater Mary Baldwin through active participation?

YOUR Alumnae Fund Committee is:

Anvilla Prescott Shultz .....	General Chairman
Monroe Ainsworth Tabb .....	Chairman Class Managers
Mary Belle Archer Mapp .....	Chairman Publicity
Fannie Barth Strauss.....	Treasurer

Miss Emma Holman

